



## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

# Reptiles and Amphibians of *Trinity River* *National Wildlife Refuge*

Established in 1994, the 25,000-acre Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge is a remnant of what was once a much larger, frequently flooded, bottomland hardwood forest. You are still able to view vast expanses of ridge and swale floodplain features, numerous bayous, oxbow lakes, and cypress/tupelo swamps along the Trinity River. It is one of only 14 priority-one bottomland sites identified for protection in the Texas Bottomland Protection Plan. This type of habitat is used during migration or nesting by nearly 50 percent of the migratory bird species listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Over 275 species of birds occur in the hardwood forest and associated wetlands in eastern Texas; while over 100 bird species are known to breed there. These forests also support a wide diversity of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and fish including the federally listed bald eagle and alligator.

For more information, visit our website:  
<http://southwest.fws.gov/refuges/texas/trinityriver>

This list follows the standard listings in *Standard Common and Current Scientific Names for North American Amphibians, Turtles, Reptiles and Crocodilians* (5<sup>th</sup> Edition) by Joseph T. Collins and Travis W. Taggart.

Contact the Refuge staff if you should find an unlisted or rare species during your visit and provide a description.

### Class Amphibia (Amphibians)

#### Order Anura (Toads, frogs, and treefrogs)

##### *Family Bufonidae* (Toads)

Gulf coast toad

*Bufo valliceps valliceps*

East Texas toad

*B. woodhousii velatus*

Woodhouse's toad

*B. woodhousii woodhousii*

##### *Family Hylidae*

(Cricket, tree, and chorus frogs)

Blanchard's cricket frogs

*Acris crepitans blanchardi*

Gray treefrog

*Hyla versicolor*

Green treefrog

*H. cinerea*

Squirrel treefrog

*H. squirella*

Northern spring peeper

*Psuedacris crucifer crucifer*

##### *Family Microhylidae*

(Narrowmouth toads and sheep frogs)

Eastern narrowmouth toad

*Gastrophryne carolinensis*

##### *Family Ranidae*

Bullfrog

*Rana catesbeiana*

Bronze frog

*R. clamitans clamitans*

Pickerel frog

*R. palustris*

Southern leopard frog

*R. shenocephala utricularia*

#### Order Caudata

#### (Salamanders, newts, and sirens)

##### *Family Ambystomatidae*

Marbled salamander

*Ambystoma opacum*

##### *Family Amphiumidae*

Three-toed amphiuma

*Amphiuma tridactylum*

##### *Family Salamandridae*

Central newt

*Notophthalmus viridescens louisianensis*



*Green Anole* Photograph by Garry Tucker

## Class Reptilia (Reptiles)

### Order Crocodylia (Alligators, caimans, lizards, and iguanian lizards)

#### Family Alligatoridae

(Alligators)

American alligator

*Alligator mississippiensis*

#### Family Gekkonidae

(Geckos)

Mediterranean gecko

*Hemidactylus turcicus*

#### Family Polychrotidae

(Anoles)

Green anole

*Anolis carolinensis carolinensis*

#### Family Scincidae

(Skinks)

Five-lined skink

*Eumeces fasciatus*

Broad-headed skink

*E. laticeps*

Ground skink

*Scincella lateralis*

### Order Squamata (Snakes)

#### Family Colubridae

(Typical snakes)

Flathead snake

*Tantilla gracilis*

Rough earth snake

*Virginia striatula*

Eastern garter snake

*Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis*

Western ribbon snake

*T. proximus proximus*

Gulf coast ribbon snake

*T. proximus orarius*

Rough green snake

*Opheodrys aestivus*

Texas rat snake

*Elaphe obsoleta lindheimeri*

Eastern hognose snake

*Heterodon platirhinos*

Speckled kingsnake

*Lampropeltis getula hobrooki*



*Water Moccasin*

Photograph by Garry Tucker

Eastern coachwhip

*Masticophis flagellum flagellum*

Diamondback water snake

*Nerodia rhombifer rhombifer*

Yellowbelly water snake

*N. erythogaster flavigaster*

Broad-banded water snake

*N. fasciata confluens*

Gulf crayfish snake

*Regina rigida sinicola*

Western mud snake

*Farancia abacura reinwardtii*

Buttermilk racer

*Clouber constrictor anthicus*

Texas coral snake

*Micrurus fulvius tener*

Western cottonmouth

*Agkistrodon piscivorus leucostoma*

Southern copperhead

*A. contortrix contortrix*

Timber rattlesnake

*Crotalus horridus*

### Order Testudines (Turtles and tortoises)

#### Family Chelydridae

(Snapping turtles)

Common snapping turtle

*Chelydra serpentina*

Alligator snapping turtle

*Macrochelys temminckii*

#### Family Emydidae

(Basking and box turtles)

Western chicken turtle

*Deirochelys reticularia miaria*

#### Family Pseudemys and Trachemys

(Cooters and sliders)

Eastern river cooter

*Pseudemys concinna metteri*

Common musk turtle

*Sternotherus odoratus*

Red-eared slider

*Trachemys scripta elegans*

#### Family Trionychidae

(Softshell turtles)

Texas spiny softshell turtles

*Trionyx spiniferus emoryi*

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